Faulty coin operated Public Telephones in Andhra Pradesh

164. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will ensure that public telephones particularly coin operated phones in Andhra Pradesh function properly;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 50% of such coin-operated phones are out of order on any given day; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to enhance efficiency of such phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Coin operated phones are functioning well in Andhra Pradesh Circle. Circle have given instructions to check Public Telephones on daily basis and keep them in working order.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Production Level of Oil from Oil Reserves

165. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent study oil reserves in the country at the production level of 30 mt annually will last for another 20 years;

(b) if so, the reasons for approving the expansion plans of the various auto manufacturing units of the country; and

(c) whether Government have drawn any perspective plan to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) At the present rate of depletion, the present balance recoverable oil reserves would sustain a production for about 21 years. However, each year more reserves are added due to exploratory and related efforts made by oil companies. To increase the hydrocarbon reserves Government have also approved an accelerated exploration programme which includes deep sea exploration and exploration in frontier areas. Also under various rounds blocks have been offered to private Indian and foreign companies for carrying out exploration and also for development of small and medium size discovered fields.

Under the liberalised industrial policy the manufacture of automobiles has been delicenced and creation/expansion of capacity has been left to the play of market forces. In any event automobiles serve a functional necessity in meeting the transport requirements of the country. The demand of petroleum products will be met from indigenous production and balance through imports.

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166. श्री गोविन्दराम मिरीः क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को इन्दौर पर्यावरण संरक्षण परियोजना तथा क्षिप्रा नदी प्रदूषण नियंत्रण योजना भेजी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में अब तक कोई निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (ग) इन्दौर में खान नदी और उज्जैन में क्षिप्रा नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के प्रस्तावों को राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना में शामिल कर लिया गया है।